September 19, 1961

Mr. Mendel Peterson
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Pete:

Thank you so much for the sinking of the Faithful Steward story.

Your comments with respect to my talk in Atlanta are most appreciated, and I am glad the research I have been doing has interested so many people. No one will ever say that research can't be exciting. Wait till you read what I said about some of the things in the Smithsonian Institution and you might join someone else in not wishing to speak to me again.

I look forward to seeing you at any time our paths can cross, and thank you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv

I plan to send a copy of this letter to Charles Hoskins and Randy Zander, as you did yours, unless you prefer otherwise.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Nov 14

Dear Eric,

I want you to know how very much I appreciate the kindness which you and Mrs. Newman showed me when I was in St. Louis. The evening we spent there was very enjoyable indeed.

I'm sending you the copies and counterfeits of which I spoke. I've marked one group for you to keep. I've marked another group which I would like to have back. Since I wont own originals of some of them I should keep electros as examples. You will note two counterstamped pieces. One is a Vermont piece counterstamped "CS Hotel" The counterstamp is very old. The piece is a mystery to me. Perhaps you could offer an identification. It is the only counterstamped Vermont piece I have seen although there might be others around.

The broken bank bills I sent look like they were run through a garbage grinder but they may be varieties you dont have. Keep them or toss them out. I also sent two pairs of cufflinks made from Siamese porcelain counters. Thought you and your son would be able to wear them with sport jackets.

The photos of the coins from coin beach and the poop on the Faithful Steward are coming in a large manila envelope.

Again, thanks for your kindness.

As ever,

Pete

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January 30,1974

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

A little late to be answering your letter of October 8, 1973 regarding the pillar dollars but here it is. I'm not ready to give you that pillar I sent for examination. Instead, please take all the photographs you wish and then send it to me at the address on this letter head. Later, if you need one to test chemically or otherwise I think I can get one for you from Fisher. The 1732 is the only one I have and while it may not be genuine at least it will fill a space.

I understand the group is meeting in Houston to discuss the matter. I hope they reach a conclusion although thay may not.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mendel

Mendel Peterson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 27, 1974

Mr. Mendel Peterson
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Dear Mendel:

I have not had any report as to what occurred in Houston and if you can enlighten me I would be grateful.

You asked for your 1732 forgery to be returned and, naturally I will do so, but I would like to show it to an out of town friend first.

You indicated that you probably would be able to get Fisher to give me another example for our forgery collection, and it can be 1733, etc., if 1732 is not available. Will you, therefore, try to get one for me through him.

Oscar Dodson was here and gave a talk on numismatic archaeology. It was very well received. It included the Greek world, the Egyptian world, Florida wrecks and Oak Island.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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November 7,1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Back in February,1974 you wrote you were returning the 1732 pillar dollar after you had shown it to a friend. I presume you have been able to run him down by now and would like to have the coin returned. I am putting my treasure collection together and need it. You should be able to get one of the coins from Fisher. I have no duplicates.

I hope everything goes well with you and the Society. Since my retirement I have been keeping busy with writing, consulting and appraising. My new book Funnel of Gold (commerce and warfare in West Indies 1492-1733) is being published by Little Brown late this month. I'm also involved in a ship salvage project which should prove interesting. No treasure but lots of history.

Best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

Mendel

Mendel Peterson

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 13, 1975

Mr. Mendel Peterson
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Dear Mendel:

I am returning the encrusted 1732 Spanish dollar which you sent to me, and I am very disappointed that you will not let me keep it. I have a major collection of forgeries and this is one which I really wanted for educational purposes. Your letter of November 7, 1975, does not indicate that you believe it to be a forgery and I would like to know what your feeling is. I do not feel justified to ask Fisher for a coin as I would under no circumstances pay for such a coin. I certainly cannot understand why you need a coin of this type for your treasure collection.

Good luck on the publication of your book. It ought to be very interesting. Your salvage work must be exciting and something you have always enjoyed.

Please let me hear from you as to the matter above requested.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

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